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## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 24 and starting with "The ports A' and B' are . . ." as follows:

The ports A' and B' are interconnected optically <u>by a delay device 23 that may include a pair of electrodes 24 according to an example embodiment of the invention</u>, and also the ports D' and C' are interconnected optically.